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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22,
1975.

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. EB DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT.

L - MONROE LEIGH

--LEIGH AND SCHWEBEL APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY
AUTHORIZING INITIALLING OF AGREEMENT SETTling CERTAIN
U. S. CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT FOR \$10 MILLION AND ASKING
EMBASSY TO ADVISE WHETHER SADAT WILL WISH TO SIGN
AGREEMENT DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S.

--LEIGH ADVISED BUCHEN AT WHITE HOUSE THAT GRAIN AGREEMENT
SIGNED IN MOSCOW IS A LEGALLY BINDING EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT.
EARLIER PRESS QUOTED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING
AGREEMENT WAS NOT LEGALLY BINDING.

--ALDRICH CONCURRED IN AF'S PROPOSAL TO ADVISE THE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL POSITION
WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPORTATION OF NAMIBIAN FUR SEALS AND
REVISED THE DRAFT LETTER FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NEA - SOBER, ACTING

PRESIDENT HUBBARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CALLED ON ME TO DISCUSS USC'S PLANS TO ESTABLISH A MIDDLE EAST STUDY CENTER. THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT WOULD COME FROM A DOLS 25 MILLION DONATION BY THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT. HUBBARD HAS BEEN UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM LOCAL GROUPS REGARDING SAUDI DISCRIMINATORY VISA PRACTICES BUT HE IS DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT IF HE CAN. WE ALSO DISCUSSED USC'S VARYING ACTIVITIES IN SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.

ARA - RYAN, ACTING

ARGENTINA-KOREAN ISSUE -- BOB INGERSOLL HOSTED THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR VAZQUEZ AT LUNCH AND PRESSURED HIM ON ARGENTINA'S INTENTION TO ABSTAIN IN THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA. VAZQUEZ, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSURED US OF HIS OWN PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, INDICATED HIS DOUBTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE GOA POSITION. HE DID PROMISE TO AGAIN URGE HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CHANGE ITS POSITION. HE PHONED ME LATER IN THE AFTERNOON TO REPORT THAT HE HAD SO DONE AND THAT HE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH THE ARGENTINE UN PERMREP BUT HE HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR A CHANGE IN STANCE.

TRAVEL SCHEDULE -- BILL ROGERS SPENT THE DAY IN NEW YORK WHERE HE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND DID A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT'S CENTER. BILL LUERS IS ON A SPEAKING TOUR IN THE MID-WEST. AL FISHLOW IS IN LIMA EXPLORING MARCONA SETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES.

IO - BUFFUM.

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1. LUNCHEd WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY OF PAKISTAN. MADE SURE HE KNEW WE HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THEIR ELECTION TO SECURITY COUNCIL, FOR WHICH HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE. ALSO REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO KOREAN VOTE.

2. PURSUED EFFORT WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO GET REQUEST FROM VIENNA TO HOST NEXT SUMMER'S MEETING OF UNDP EXECUTIVE BOARD AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO CUBAN OFFER TO MEET IN HAVANA.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN:

TURKISH AMBASSADOR. I EMPHASIZED TO ESENBEL OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE GOT HAS NOT PERMITTED A RE-

SUMPTION OF US ACTIVITIES AT MILITARY FACILITIES IN TURKEY. I SAID WE HOPE THEY WILL RECONSIDER AND PERMIT AT LEAST SOME RESUMPTION AT AN EARLY DATE. (ESENBEL HAD COME IN TO GIVE US A COPY OF DEMIREL'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT THAT WE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED IN ANKARA.)

BRIEFING NATO ON SPANISH BASES. BECAUSE OF FRANCO'S HEALTH, WE ARE HOLDING OFF ON BRIEFING THE NATO ALLIES ON THE NEW SPANISH BASES AGREEMENT.

EA - ROBERT H. MILLER, ACTING

MEETINGS WITH SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIALS - I PARTICIPATED LAST EVENING IN A DINNER DISCUSSION WITH THE VISITING GROUP OF SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, SPONSORED BY DAVE ABSHIRE'S CENTER FOR STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. CONGRESSMEN FASCELL AND GILMAN, AS WELL AS SEVERAL FRESH-MAN CONGRESSMEN WERE PRESENT. IN THE DISCUSSION, THE INDONESIANS FOCUSED ON THEIR NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL, PRIMARILY TO EXPLOIT THEIR OIL RESOURCES.

TODAY I PARTICIPATED IN A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SAME GROUP SPONSORED BY RAND. THIS INVOLVED REPRESENTATIVES OF DOD, CIA, THE NSC AND TREASURY. THE DISCUSSION

FOCUSED A GREAT DEAL ON OIL AGAIN, BUT WE ALSO GOT INTO STRATEGIC ISSUES. CLEARLY, THE INDONESIANS WANT US TO
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MAINTAIN A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, INCLUDING THE PHILIPPINES.

PM - GEORGE S. VEST

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE--PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GOODBY REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT AT A NSCIC WORKING GROUP MEETING CHAIRED BY GENERAL SCOWCROFT. THE GROUP IS CONCERNED WITH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND HAS COMMISSIONED A SURVEY OF TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY AREAS TO GET THEIR REACTIONS TO THE MANY DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES DISTRIBUTED BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. DOD WOULD LIKE A SOMEWHAT BROADER SURVEY TO INCLUDE OTHER INTELLIGENCE AND PRODUCTS AND WILL SHORTLY CIRCULATE A PROPOSAL FOR A SURVEY RUNNING FOR SOMETHING ON THE ORDER OF NINETY DAYS.

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H - RJMCCLOSKEY

1. SOVIET GRAIN DEAL. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE FLAILING ABOUT ON THIS ISSUE IN THE CONGRESS TODAY. INTEREST RE-

MAINS INTENSE, BUT THERE IS STILL NO PREDOMINANT VIEW PRO OR CON. IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING NOTABLY CHAIRMAN FOLEY OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, HAVE SPOKEN OUT PRAISING THE AGREEMENT, WHILE OTHER MEMBERS HAVE CRITICIZED OUR ALLEGED SACRIFICING GRAIN LEVERAGE WITHOUT ACHIEVING A CONCRETE OIL DEAL IN EXCHANGE. SEVERAL BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED, MANY IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO ONE ANOTHER; CALLING FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE GRAIN AGREEMENT; A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BE A PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR IN ALL SUCH FUTURE DEALS (THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE); BILLS WHICH WOULD BOTH EXEMPT GRAIN EXPORTS FROM ANY LIMITATION OR GUARANTEE EXPORT CONTROLS TO PROTECT US CONSUMER PRICE STRUCTURES. IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHERE ALL THIS WILL LEAD, BUT WE DO NOT LOOK FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE ON THE BASIS OF REACTION SO FAR.

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2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. WHILE ADMINISTRATION FIGURES CONTINUE TO LANGUISH IN OMB, BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ARE PRESSING US FOR THEM. MEANWHILE, THE HIRC HAS SET OUT AN AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS TO INCLUDE YOU, ATHERTON; SCHLESINGER, MAW, ROBERT ELLSWORTH, GEN. FISH, BOB NOOTER, AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC WITNESSES. THEY HOPE TO BEGIN MARKUP ABOUT NOVEMBER 12. THE SFRC HAS NOT YET SCHEDULED HEARINGS BUT WILL DO SO SHORTLY. OUR PRELIMINARY INFORMATION IS THAT BOTH COMMITTEES PLAN MAJOR CUTS THOUGH WE DO NOT YET HAVE THE DETAILS. WE ARE TRYING TO FLUSH THEM OUT.

3. AID'S ECONOMIC BILL. THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TODAY REPORTED OUT AID'S ECONOMIC BILL WITH ONLY INSIGNIFICANT CHANGES. IT IS EXPECTED TO COME TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE NEXT WEEK.

4. UN THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM. THE HOUSE RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY TIP O'NEILL AND SID YATES HAS ATTRACTED OVER 100 CO-SPONSORS; IT "CONDEMNS THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 17, 1975...AND URGES THE UNGA TO DISAPPROVE SAID RESOLUTION, IF AND WHEN IT IS PRESENTED FOR A VOTE BEFORE THAT BODY."

THE IDENTICAL RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE BY

HUBERT HUMPHREY WITH 9 COSPONSORS, AND REFERRED TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

ALTHOUGH OTHER FORMULATIONS, INCLUDING A LETTER FROM CONGRESS TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, WERE CONSIDERED, THERE IS NO OTHER ACTION PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN EITHER

HOUSE.

5. SADAT'S JOINT MEETING. AN ATTEMPT BY THE HOUSE TO PASS UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST THIS EVENING TO INVITE SADAT TO ADDRESS A JOINT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5 FAILED BECAUSE OF AN OBJECTION BY DRINAN. THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP PLANS TO REGROUP AND MAKE ANOTHER TRY TOMORROW. AT SPEAKER'S REQUEST TODAY, WE PROVIDED HIM WITH A LETTER
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REQUESTING THE HOUSE TO CONSIDER EXTENDING SUCH AN INVITATION AND ADDING THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST WOULD BE MADE FOR RABIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT, ALBERT DECIDED TO GO AHEAD ON THIS BASIS. MANSFIELD, MEANWHILE, TELLS US THERE IS NO OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE.

6. FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON US PRISONERS IN MEXICO. WALENTYNOWICZ REPORTED ON DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY REVIEW OF SOME 600 CASES OF AMERICANS HELD PRISONER IN MEXICO AND THEIR ALLEGED MISTREATMENT. FASCELL SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO "LAY THE PROBLEM ON THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONSIDERING THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM." THERE WAS STRONG CRITICISM FROM OTHERS, INCLUDING STARK, ROSENTHAL AND RIEGLE.

AF - NATHANIEL DAVIS

F 5 E'S TO ETHIOPIA: GEORGE VEST AND I CALLED ON SENATOR CLARK, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND CONGRESSMAN FASCELL. ALL THREE ARE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FOREIGN ARMS SALES IN GENERAL AND HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ETHIOPIA AS AN ARMS PURCHASER. THEY ARE NERVOUS ABOUT THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY BUT UNDERSTAND WHY OUR CONCERN FOR THE ABDUCTED AMERICANS AND OUR OVERALL TERRORISM POLICY ARGUE SO STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF A CONFIDENTIAL TRANSMISSION. THEY ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT LEAKS CAN BE AVOIDED FOR LONG.

ZAIRE AID PACKAGE: MULCAHY AND VANCE CONTINUED THEIR HILL CONSULTATIONS ON THE ZAIRE AID PACKAGE TODAY WITH SENATOR GRIFFIN, CONG. DIGGS AND STAFFERS FOR CHILES, MATHIAS AND HATFIELD. THEY HAVE MET WITH GENERALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE BUT ARE NOW CONTENDING WITH INOUE'S AND PASSMAN'S OPPOSITION TO URGENT ACTION ON OUR REQUEST. INGERSOLL

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